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1. Effective 20 March 1953, the 3d railroad subdistrict office in Berlin has been deactivated. Its functions have been taken over by the 2d railroad subdistrict office. ¹
2. On 13 March, [redacted] the East German traffic conference scheduled to be held from 27 to 29 March would probably be held from 10 to 12 April. ²
3. On 20 March, [redacted] all RRym type heavy-duty flatcars registered and centrally parked within the individual railroad districts. The cars would have to be available for the SCC on notification and were not to be used by the East German railroad administration. All RRym type cars operating abroad were to be recalled. [redacted] a total of 1,250 RRym type heavy-duty flatcars was at present available in East Germany. ³
4. At the conference of railroad timetable experts held in Schwarzburg from late February to early March it was announced that for political reasons the timetable for trains operating in the Berlin area would have to be changed considerably. Most of the trains bound for East Berlin would no longer terminate at the Ostbahnhof station but at points on the zonal boundary. Express trains [redacted] operating between Ludwigslust and Berlin had already been cancelled. ⁴ At the conference mentioned it was also announced that holiday traffic to Rugen Island would be completely suspended. ⁵
5. After 15 March 1953, so-called "Reichsbahngegenstellen" charged with the handling of shipments for the Kasernierte Volkspolizei were established with the Cottbus regional railroad headquarters. In Cottbus the former Betriebsassistenten (low-ranking railroad officials) Brettschneider (fmu) and Schirm (fmu) were assigned to this "Reichsbahngegenstelle" after being transferred to the VP. The office of the Reichsbahngegenstelle, a sort of military transportation control headquarters is located at the regional railroad headquarters on Schiller Strasse in Cottbus. ⁶

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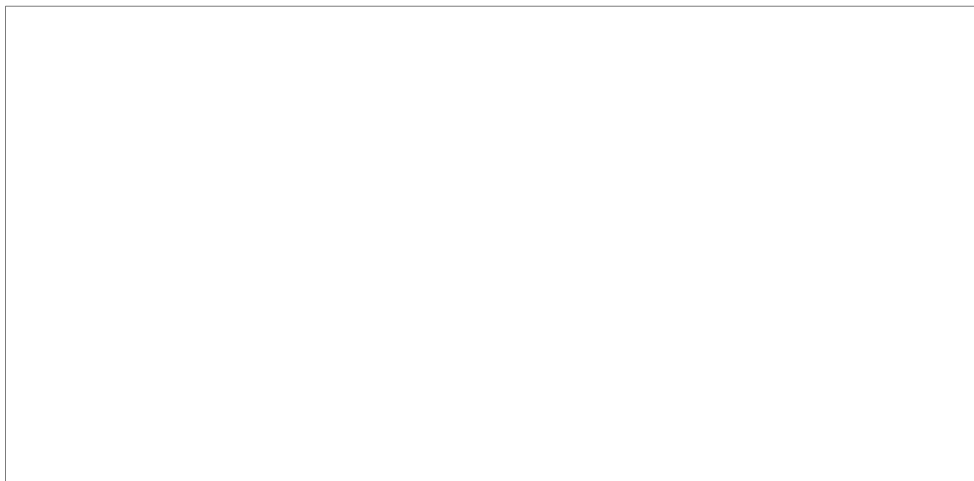
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1. Comment.

The 3d railroad subdistrict office covers the area south of Berlin as far as the Justerbog-Dahme-Zossen railroad line. To the east, the area of this office borders on that of the 2d railroad subdistrict office. The measure reported may be connected with an economy drive.

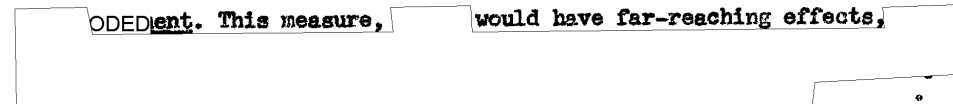
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3. Comment. This measure, would have far-reaching effects,



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5. Comment. This measure is believed to be connected with the placing of Ruegen Island on an off-limit status, which again was declared in connection with the construction of a large naval base on Jasmunder Bodden.

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6. Comment.



The present report confirms a previous assumption that such KVP transportation control headquarters would be established with all the eight regional railroad headquarters. It appears that these KVP railroad agencies have been officially designated "Reichsbahngegenstellen".

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